



Roster Eligibility Procedures

Varsity

All Varsity teams will be comprised of players who attend the associated school or an approved charter or cyber charter school of the school district. If a school district has multiple high schools, the player must play for the school where he or she attends or would attend based upon their home address.

Co-Op Varsity Teams

There is a procedure for establishing co-op teams. The purpose of a co-op team is to provide an opportunity for players who attend a school that may be too small to support their own team. The ICSHL will use the PIAA designated rules for co-op teams when considering a proposed co-op. These rules are as follows:

1. School Enrollments:

(a) For cooperative sponsorship of a boys' sport, the male enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) of each odd-numbered year, in each of the schools but one in grades nine through eleven must be 300 students or less. For cooperative sponsorship of a girls' sport, the female enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to PDE of each odd-numbered year, in each of the schools but one in grades nine through eleven must be 300 students or less.

Varsity Partnerships

The league at its discretion may allow for other temporary partnerships of schools to aid in the growth and development of the schools involved. These teams will not be eligible for the Flyers Cup Tournament since they do not meet approved team composition rules. These partnerships are granted for **one year only** and need to be approved by the membership. Teams wishing to partner under this scenario must submit their request by August 1st prior to the season start. These teams may only be comprised of players from the two schools involved in the partnership. At no time will three schools be permitted to form a partnership.

JV

The purpose of JV is player development. Since many players get the opportunity to get the ice time that enhances their development by playing JV, the ICSHL will work with clubs to give these players that opportunity. This includes allowing teams to partner to field a team. A partnership exists between TWO teams, not three or more schools. JV Partnerships do not need to abide by the same criteria as Varsity teams. To regulate the use of non-conforming players, the ICSHL has the following rules for using players who do not attend the school they wish to play for.



INTER-COUNTY SCHOLASTIC HOCKEY LEAGUE

1. **All special exceptions are for one season ONLY.** All partnerships and teams using players from other schools must petition the league each season prior to August 1st. These players may not be rostered until approved. "He played for us last season", is not an acceptable criterion for a player to be granted additional years of eligibility.
2. The first process that teams should employ for having a team is to use players from their own school.
3. The second process teams should employ is creating a partnership with another school. This scenario is widely used and has been done successfully for years in the ICSHL. If a team feels they need to form a partnership with another school, they must submit this request to the league by August 1st prior to the season start.
4. JV may use only players in grades 9-12
5. Players living in a school district who attend another school, such as a private school, will not be permitted to play unless they fall under one of the criteria previously mentioned. For example, School A and school B have formed a co-operative team under the rules above. A player in school district A goes to a private school. That player may not play for that co-operative team.
6. The simple question to ask is, "Could this player play another sport for their home school district?" if the answer is no, then that player may not play hockey for that school either.

Some further things to know about creating co-op teams. Players from a school without a team may only play for one other school. For example, High School A does not have an ice hockey team but has 4 students who play hockey. If the 4 players are going to play school hockey, they must all play for the same school. Two of them cannot play for High School B and two for High School C.

JV Goalies will be handled on a case-by-case basis as we have always done.

AT NO TIME WILL THESE PLAYERS BE PERMITTED TO PLAY AT THE VARSITY LEVEL FOR ANOTHER SCHOOL. BOYS VARSITY CO-OP TEAMS MUST MEET THE PIAA CRITERIA FOR CO-OP SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT.

Girls Varsity

The purpose of girls' hockey is to have the girls represent their school, just like the boys. The ICSHL wants to continue building a high-quality girls scholastic league as well. Girls' teams will be permitted to use 8th graders from their school or from their co-op partner schools only – no third school option for girls' teams. To regulate the use of non-conforming players, the ICSHL has the following rules for using players who do not attend the school they wish to play for.

In District Players Attending Other Schools

For teams who are only using players from their own school (no co-ops or partnerships) for 2021-22 the league will allow players who live in-district but attend other schools to be rostered as regular players. For example, Player A lives in school district A, but attends a private school that does not have a girl's ice hockey team. Player A may be rostered as a member of school district A's team.



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Locked Players

As always, Varsity teams are required to lock 10 skaters and one goaltender. These players MAY NOT play at the JV level. Once a player is locked, they may only play at the Varsity level for the remainder of their HS career in the ICSHL. If a team wishes to appeal a player's locked status, they may do so by submitting a formal request to the ICSHL Executive Board. A player may not participate in any JV games until the appeal is ruled on.